



Share the Vision Evaluation Report



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Conference Overview

The annual Share the Vision Prevention Conference was held November 2-3, 2005 at the Charleston Civic Center. Share The Vision 2005 brought together individuals, communities, agencies and organizations for a state-wide prevention conference featuring trainings, networking, national keynotes, and a community awards luncheon. The conference promoted the importance of a community-based approach to a continuum of care for children and families in West Virginia.

Share the Vision is coordinated by the West Virginia Prevention Resource Center and is sponsored in part by federal Substance Abuse Prevention & Treatment Block Grant funds administered by the WV Division of Health and Human Resources, Division on Alcoholism & Drug Abuse and the Central Center for the Application of Prevention Technologies (CCAPT).

Evaluation Methodology

Evaluation of the conference consisted of two components. Workshop surveys were included in the participant handbook for each individual session. An overall, post survey of participants was included in the participant handbook as well. Those who voluntarily completed the evaluation forms placed them in drop boxes located throughout the Civic Center.

The completed forms were gathered several times during the conference by evaluation staff. The overall evaluation forms were collected at the end of

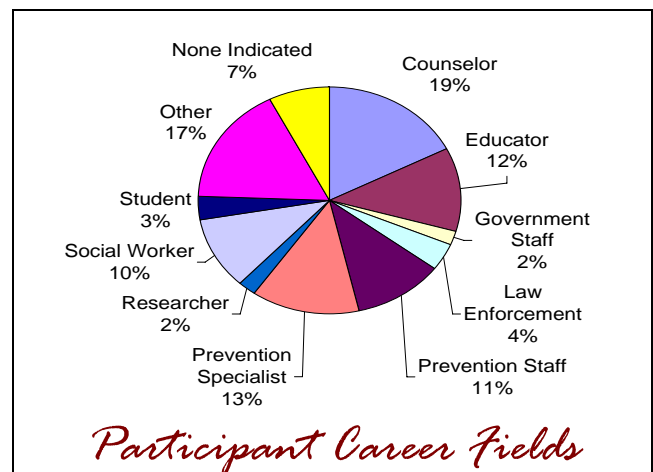
the conference, at which time the participants received a conference t-shirt. Analysis of the data collected from these forms is presented in this report.

Overall Findings

Participant Characteristics

Of those responding to the Overall Conference Survey, 54.2% had attended Share the Vision in past years. All of those surveyed said they would return in the future and also said they would recommend the conference to peers.

The conference audience represented professionals from many areas of the prevention workforce. Of those who responded, 19% were counselors, 12% were educators and another 24% were prevention specialists and prevention staff. All career data received is displayed in the chart below.



Overall Evaluation Results

On the Overall Survey, participants rated various aspects of the conference as excellent, good, fair, poor, or terrible. This was done on a scale from 1 to 5, with 1 being the highest score of excellent. The following table displays the percent of responses in each category.

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Terrible
Keynotes	60.7%	30.3%	2.1%		
Workshops	58.6%	33.1%	2.8%		
Community Awards	49.0%	33.8%	4.8%	0.7%	
Networking Opportunities	55.2%	27.6%	6.2%	1.4%	
Facilities (Overall)	57.9%	32.4%	4.8%	0.70%	
Food	44.1%	35.2%	11.7%	3.40%	

Conference Quality

The conference was attended by more than 200 participants. Of the attendees, 148 completed an overall conference evaluation form. This is twice as many as returned in 2004. Seven aspects of the conference were ranked from 1-5 (representing excellent to terrible, respectively). Each of the seven criteria averaged a score between good and excellent. Participants were the most satisfied with the keynote speakers and individual workshops, both averaging a score of 1.4. Networking opportunities and the community awards luncheon were also widely accepted with average rankings of 1.5. The facilities and food accommodations averaged 1.5 and 1.7, respectively. The success of each of these aspects contributed to the conference's overall impact, accomplishing an average of 1.4, up from 1.5 in 2004.

How Participants Found Out About the Conference

Participants were informed about the conference through a variety of means including: the Share the Vision informational flyer (17.2%), Community Development Specialists (16.6%), email (15.2%), mailer (13.1%), colleagues (13.1%), the WVPRC Internet website (www.prevnet.org) (9.7%), funding agency (4.1%), meeting (2.1%) and other means (7.6%).

Conference Favorites

When asked what they liked best about the Share the Vision conference, a vast number of respondents declared that the presenters were outstanding. Rick Labell, was mentioned by name as an excellent and motivating speaker. Furthermore, participants were appreciative of the diverse networking opportunities. Finally, the overall quality and variety of the information available at the conference was complimented by numerous participants.

Participant Ideas for Future Course Topics

Child Abuse and Neglect
 Recruiting Volunteers
 Violence Prevention
 Anger Management
 Bullying and Harassment
 Time Management
 Gangs and Violence

Knowledge Gained

Part of the value of a conference is the knowledge an individual gains from participating. This value was measured by asking what participants learned from the Share the Vision Conference that will assist them in their work. The most frequent response was new knowledge about the Strategic Prevention Framework State Incentive Grant. Many respondents also indicated renewed motivation and commitment to their work and realized that they are not alone in striving to better their communities. Furthermore, people indicated that they had learned about resources and grant opportunities that they could utilize in their jobs. Other participants found the information on methamphetamine, domestic violence and the opportunity to network to be invaluable.

Recommendations for Improvement

Participants were also given the opportunity, on the overall evaluation, to suggest areas of improvement. Below are some recommendations for improvement from conference participants.

- Exhibit booths should be in the same room as breakfast refreshments, so easier access.
- More awards and recognitions to youth and community categories.
- Extend the time of classes; too short for many of the topics.

- More information on best practices, evidence-based programs.
- Direction and ideas for recruiting volunteers, involving the media, and more specific help instead of presenters only talking about their programs.
- Improved methods in working with youth.
- Ideas for coalition development.
- Celebrate the different prevention groups.
- Show-case all nominations for a STV Award.
- Broaden the topics to include more than youth needs.
- I liked the past conferences that presented training on science based programs that participants could become certified in by the end of the conference.

Evaluation responses are utilized by the conference planning committee to improve future conferences. Therefore, the evaluation team recommends that the importance of the completion of evaluation forms continue to be stressed by planners, presenters and facilitators at future conferences. Staff also suggests that the planning committee continue to offer an incentive to participants to encourage completion of the overall evaluation form at the end of the conference.



Session Results

Participants rated various aspects of the individual workshops as excellent, good, fair, poor, or terrible. This was done on a scale from 1 to 5, with 1 being the highest score of excellent. The following table gives the averages for each workshop.

<i>Workshops</i>	Knowledge of Presenter	Clarity of Presentation	Organization of Presentation	Method of Instruction	Response to Questions	Usefulness to Work	Overall Quality
Service to Science	1.2	1.4	1.3	1.7	1.3	1.5	1.5
Back Stage Pass	1.6	1.6	1.7	1.8	1.4	1.2	1.6
Facilitation: A Hands on Introduction	1.2	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.2	1.3	1.3
Faith-Based Initiatives	1.0	1.2	1.1	1.3	1.0	1.1	1.0
Art Works	1.2	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.4	1.2
Open Airways for Schools	1.3	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.3	1.8	1.7
Honoring Diversity	1.6	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.6	1.7	1.6
Effective Youth/Adult Partnerships	1.8	2.1	2.0	1.9	1.8	1.9	1.9
Celebrate Life with Less Stress	1.5	1.6	1.6	1.7	1.5	1.7	1.6
Get your 2 Cents on Someone Else's Dime	1.3	1.5	1.5	1.6	1.3	1.5	1.5
Tobacco Prevention 101	1.1	1.3	1.3	1.4	1.2	1.3	1.2
Teambuilding & Motivational Strategies	1.4	1.5	1.6	1.4	1.3	1.5	1.4
Young Adult Suicide Awareness	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.3	1.2	1.4
Stratton Model: Respect and Protect	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3
Aftercare & Reentry Court Program	1.1	1.1	1.3	1.3	1.1	1.1	1.1
Drug Crime Investigations	1.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.1	1.2	1.2
Youth & Adult Cessation in WV	1.6	1.4	1.6	1.6	1.2	1.4	1.4
Methamphetamine: A Family Affair	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.2	1.3
Ohio Prevention Framework	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3
Evaluation Applied	1.8	2.1	1.8	2.2	1.6	2.0	1.9
Flash Judgments to Honoring Differences	1.2	1.3	1.4	1.4	1.3	1.4	1.3
Domestic Violence	1.1	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.0	1.1	1.1
Media Literacy 101	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.2	1.1	1.3	1.1
Student-Led Prevention	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.4	1.2
Service Learning	1.2	1.4	1.2	1.4	1.2	1.2	1.2
A Faith Community on the Move	1.2	1.4	1.4	1.7	1.5	1.6	1.5
OH's Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Initiative	1.2	1.7	1.3	1.7	1.4	1.5	1.7
WV's Strategic Prevention Framework	1.2	1.5	1.3	1.4	1.3	1.5	1.3
Understanding Dating Violence	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.4	1.1
Recruiting Teens	1.4	1.7	1.7	1.9	1.6	1.8	2.0
Community Coalitions	1.3	1.2	1.3	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4
Implementation Fidelity	1.1	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.1	1.4	1.4
Treatment for Children with FASD/ARND	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5
Prevention Involves Everyone Everywhere	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.4	1.1
Huntington's Disease	1.0	1.0	1.3	1.0	1.0	2.0	1.0
Chain Breakers Gang Awareness	1.0	1.1	1.2	1.1	1.1	1.2	1.1
Teen Courts	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.4
WV's Underage Drinking Prevention Efforts	1.1	1.3	1.3	1.4	1.3	1.1	1.3
<i>Keynotes</i>							
Gayle Manchin	1.2	1.3	1.3	1.4	1.3	1.6	1.4
MADD Presentation	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2
Rick Labell	1.1	1.3	1.2	1.3	1.2	1.4	1.2
Mike Lowther	1.4	1.5	1.4	1.5	1.5	1.6	1.5